

Appl. No. 10/713,475
Amendment dated July 19, 2004
Reply to Office Action dated April 19, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Original claims 1-6 and 8-13 remain in this application. Original claim 7 has been withdrawn in view of the election of Invention I. New claims 14-34 have been added to better claim aspects of Invention I disclosed in the original specification and drawings. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated April 19, 2004. Applicant has addressed each issue raised by the examiner. It is respectfully requested that the application be allowed to proceed to substantive examination.

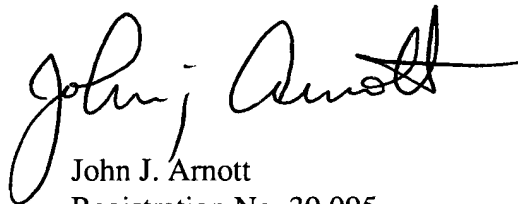
Since the number of independent claims in the application, as amended, is 3, and the total number of claims in the application, as amended, is 33, additional claim fees of \$117.00 are believed required and are enclosed herewith.

Applicant has filed concurrently herewith a Request for Extension for Response Within Second Month, along with the fee of \$210.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Sec. 1.17(a)(2), thereby extending the time for response through July 19, 2004.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims pending in the application. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/STRK-26,032 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Arnott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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